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ACTION AF-10

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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU
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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN
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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC, DM
SUBJ: TRAVEL ADVISORY - BENIN

1. POST RECOMMENDS THAT ANY TOURISTS CONTEMPLATING A VISIT TO BENIN BE DISCOURAGED FROM DOING SO. BENIN IS IN A SELF-DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY, AND ARBITRARY ARRESTS FOR NO REASON ARE COMMONPLACE.

2. ONE AMERICAN TOURIST, ALONG WITH A SWEDISH COMPANION, WAS ARRESTED WHEN HE SET FOOT IN COTONOU TO VERIFY IF HE IN FACT WAS A TOURIST. THE INVESTIGATION WAS COMPLETED IN ABOUT FOUR DAYS, COMPLETELY FAVORABLE, BUT AFTER SEVENTEEN DAYS HE STILL HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED. THE EMBASSY DID NOT LEARN OF HIS ARREST FOR TEN DAYS, AND THEN ONLY BECAUSE HE PASSED A MESSAGE THROUGH ANOTHER PRISONER BEING RELEASED. A FRENCHMAN HAS BEEN IN JAIL FOR FIFTY-
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SEVEN DAYS, DESPITE A FAVORABLE INVESTIGATION COMPLETED FIFTY-THREE DAYS AGO. OTHER EXAMPLES COULD ALSO BE CITED.
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